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McQuaid Jesuit Team Wins Debate Tourney

McQuaid Jesuit High School of Rochester won the annual High School Debate Tournament sponsored here last weekend by Hamilton's Debate Club. McQuaid, which won eight debates, defeated the 23 other schools participating in the tournament.

Canisius, with seven victories, finished second, while Jamestown, the winner of the tournament for the past two years, tied with Poughkeepsie for third place. Since Canisius and Jamestown tied for second place, the judges had to evaluate individual team members to determine the second and third place teams.

Medals were awarded to the best individual debaters. John Kroll won first place, while Gaylord Thayer of Jamestown and Eric Thompson of Poughkeepsie won second and third places.

In competition in the junior varsity division, Monticello High School finished first, while Hackley and McQuaid won second and third places. The three best individual debaters in this division were Robert Shitol of Albany, Mary Dain of Jamestown, and John Brosman of Canisius.

The tournament is conducted annually in memory of Henry Manderville, Hamilton's first professor of public speaking.

According to Prof. J. Franklin Hunt of the department of public speaking, additional schools would have participated in the tournament if space had been available. He noted, however, that 41 debates were conducted simultaneously during the tournament.

Members of the Debate Club and of the Oneida County Bar Association were judges for the debates.

Faculty Sends Failure Warnings To Hill Freshmen

One-hundred four freshmen received 156 quarter-term warnings last week.

Sixty-seven students received one warning, 24 received two, 11 reecived three, and two students got four warnings. Of these, 76 were failing warnings and 80 were borderline.

Forty-six warnings were issued for freshman English. The economics department issued 20 warnings, government 17, Spanish 13, French 13, history 13, chemistry 12, mathematics ten, geology five, anthropology three, German two, ancient civilization one, and Latin one.

This year, 46.4 percent of the freshmen received warnings, whereas 44.4 percent of last year's freshmen received them. Two years ago the percentage was 48.1.

Associate Dean Sidney Wertimer said that the warnings were of average number and usual distribution, but that no student got five warnings, as one freshman in each of the last three years had gotten.

Wertimer advised freshmen in Chapel last Tuesday not to treat warnings in a carefree manner or to become overly alarmed. He also cautioned the students who did not get warnings not to become overconfident and slack off.

Phi Bete Inducts Three Members Of Senior Class

Harvey Bricker, Ronald Stone, and Julian Weissglass were inducted into the Epsilon Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa last night in a short ceremony at the Alumni House. Dr. George L. Nesbitt, Hamilton B. Tompkins Professor of English Literature, also read a paper entitled *The Toilsome Ways of Knowledge.*

Prof. Nelson Guild, secretary-treasurer of the local chapter, noted that the three new members were elected at the beginning of the fall semester. Each of the three, he noted, had displayed outstanding academic achievement and scholarship and had achieved a standing of high honor in his junior year.

The chapter holds elections twice each year, Guild explained. It will elect new members during the second semester.

The Hamilton Chapter, Epsilon of New York, was established in 1870.

Hill Bridge Club Names Winners

Mr. and Mrs. David Gersten of Utica won the second Duplicate Bridge Tournament of the college year, last Sunday. Mrs Winton Tolles and Mrs. G. Harvey Cameron finished second, and Prof. John Crosset and Steve Melkin placed third.

The Bridge Club, which plans to hold duplicate tournaments every Sunday, has expanded its facilities this year to allow more teams to enter tournaments. Bob Crisp, president of the club, stressed that all players in the College community, both novices and experts, are invited to play in the weekly tournaments.

All tournaments begin at 2 p.m. in the north basement of Dunham.

Daylight Savings

Daylight savings time will end at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29. Clocks should be turned back one hour.

Hill Choir Elects Committee Heads To Plan Activities

Hamilton's Choir elected three members to its executive committee on Friday, Oct. 20, Mr. John L. Baldwin, Jr., director of the group, announced this week.

Tim Greene and Chuck Futch were chosen to represent the senior class. Doug Sheldon and Al Rodewald will be the representatives for the juniors, while Gary Sutton will represent the sophomore class.

The other members of the executive committee, all of whom are appointed, are Phil Bremenstuhl, manager; Phil Hineline, concert manager; Frank Denton, manager of the brass ensemble; Jim Smith, manager of the Buffers; John Sully, publicity manager; and Ron Seeber, librarian.

The executive committee determines the policy, conduct, and engagements of the Choir, according to Baldwin.

THEATER LECTURE — Mr. Norris Houghton, co-founder of the Pheonix Theater, will lecture tonight in the Root Art Center at 8 p.m. His topic will be "The Contemporary European Theater."

Noted Director To Talk On European Theater

Mr. Norris Houghton, the founder of the Phoenix Theater in New York, will lecture on *The European Theater, 1960-1961* tonight at 8 p.m. in the ballroom of the Root Art Center Houghton is an educator, author, director, and scenic designer. He was graduated from Princeton University, Phi Beta Kappa, in 1931, and received his D.F.A. from Denison University in 1959.

He is co-managing director of the Phoenix Theater, and has been on the Board of Directors of Theater Incorporated, New York, since 1945. He has given lectures on drama at many colleges in American and taught at Columbia University from 1948 to 1953, and for the next five years was adjunct professor of drama at Barnard College. Since 1959 he has been adjunct professor of drama and guest director of the experimental theater at Vassar College.

Hughton has written three books: *Moscocw Rehearsals,* 1936; *Advance from Broadway,* 1941; and *But Not Forgotten,* 1952. He edited *Great Russian Short Stories,* 1958, and *Great Russian Plays,* 1960. He has also written articles in many periodicals and was associate editor of *Theatre Arts* from 1945 to 1948.

Three Broadway plays which he has directed are *Macbeth,* 1948, *Clutterbuck,* 1949, and *Billy Budd,* 1951. He has also directed several summer theater productions as well as the Phoenix Theater's production of *The Sea Gull.*

Houghton has worked as a scenic designer in 8 Broadway prductions. The most recent of these was *The Sleeping Prince* in 1956.

A reception will follow the the lecture.

Events in Utica

Pheonix Theatre: Saturday only — 8:15 p.m. — Shakespear's "Hamlet."

Proctor High School Auditorium: Saturday only — 2:30 p.m. — Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion."

Avon: Through Tuesday — "Splendor in the Grass."

Oneida: Today and Tomorrow — "Ada" and "Tall Men." Through Tuesday — "Young Doctors" and Wings of Chance."

Utica Memorial Auditorium: Sunday night only — "The Bobby Ridel Show."

Uptown: Through next week — "Fanny Hurst" and "Back Street."

Stanley: Through Tuesday — "The Pit and the Pendulum" and "Anatomy of a Cycle."

Olympic: Through next week — "Devil at Four O'clock."

RIOTS OR APATHY —

Editor Reviews Symposium

—*by* BILL NELSON

Miss Marcelle Hitschmann, the correspondent of the Pakistan *Times,* noted during last Friday night's panel discussion on the student's participation in political affairs that "to have a riot you need a university next to streets which the students can break up. You at Hamilton," she said, "have removed the university to the fields."

Miss Hitschmann pointed out that in Europe the person seeking refuge enters a convent, while in the United States he goes to a college.

She then added that American students have too great a desire for security and a settled life but hoped that they would begin to ask questions and seek adventure.

Student Participation

Mr. Easwar Sagar of India agreed with Miss Hitschmann and explained that the degree of student participation in political affairs depends on the evolutionary state of a nation. He continued, "Active participation is due to insecurity; apathy is due to a security you do not want to destroy."

Students in India, according to Sagar, participate actively; indeed the average number of student riots per week in Calcutta is nearly 40. American students, on the other hand, do not act. Sagar felt that both bodies were at poles, each of which is undesirable.

Mr. A. Arnold Vas Dias, a correspondent of the *Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant,* agreed that apathy will exist toward anything endangering vested interests. But students in the United States, he continued, are too well informed not to take part in the political affairs of the world.

Participation Urged

Mr. George N. Fenin, an Italian correspondent, also urged participation. He noted that in Italy the tradition of student participation is a strong one and that it has greatly influenced Italian history for the better.

Italian youth looks to the United States, he said, for enthusiasm and affection but instead finds the American student "a conformist — soft, politically afraid, and socially inane."

Doug Wheeler, the representative of the *Spectator* on the panel, felt that Americans were being put in the position of defending themselves for not rioting and questioned the value of a riot in itself. Wheeler felt, however, that students should react individually and learn to think for themselves.

Student Too Busy

Al Flaherty, the editor of the *Cornell Daily Sun,* said that the American student "wants to comprehend but that on weekdays he is too busy and by Saturday night all this becomes too much for him."

Flaherty noted that students will devote much time to social and extra-curricular activities and will go to great length in debating insignificant problems connected with them. The student, he continued, doubts his competence in national affairs.

Bill Roberts from Washington and Lee University believed that the student must realize that he does not understand politics as well as he thinks he does.

Opinions Change

Roberts continued, "I, myself, am not always sure how I think, and my opinions will change from week to week; how then can I act, let alone lead? And why, since I cannot myself act, should I follow another merely for the sake of action."

George Will, editor of the Trinity *Tripod,* noted that riots use adrenalin and no brains and in themselves are not necessarily good. He saw a need, however, to create a social conscience for the student.

The panel in general agreed with Wladyslaw Pawlak of Poland that issues exist on which there is dissatisfaction. Its members decided that a student should want to get to the bottom of these issues, after which he must determine what action he must take, how much he wants to involve himself, in order to bring attention to the issues.

New Interest

Most members also agreed with Miss Hitschmann that an awakening of interest in political affairs was occurring among American students.

Social Committee To Offer Concert In Chapel Saturday

Josh White, who sings the songs of "turpentine workers, cotton pickers, dock wallopers, and chain-gang prisoners," will sing in the Chapel tomorrow night at 8 p.m.

White learned folk music while acting as the eyes for the famous blind minstrels Joel Taggert, John Henry Arnold, Willie Johnson, and Lemon Jefferson. Wandering over the South with his blind mentors, he learned blues songs, work songs, and spirituals of the common people. He also developed his distinctive technique on the guitar at this time.

White's father was a preacher, and his religious background has shown itself in his singing. Since many of his songs cry out against social injustice, he has been called a "preacher in song."

White has performed three times at the White House and six times at the Library of Congress. In 1941, he went on a good-will tour of Mexico. During World War II, he broadcast weekly for the Office of War Information and in 1944 had his own 15-minute radio program. On his first formal concert tour, in 1946-47, he performed in more than 30 cities in the United States and Canada.

White made his first recording in 1926 at the age of 11. Since 1931, when he recorded 28 songs for Columbia Records in two days, he has made nearly as many recordings as live concerts. He has recorded 13 long-playing albums.

Jack Watters, chairman of the Social Committee, said that admission to the concert will be free to those men who have purchased social tickets.

All three fall teams are playing home games this weekend. The soccer team played Clarkson today. Tomorrow the football squad will meet St. Lawrence at 2 p.m., and the cross-country team will run against RPI and Hartwick at 2:30 p.m.

At 8 p.m. tonight Mr. Norris Houghton, founder of the Phoenix Theater in New York City, will lecture in the Root Art Center on *The European Theater 1960-61.*

The fraternities will have cocktail parties and dance bands this weekend. The freshmen will have a dance with girls from Vassar tomorrow night from 8 p.m. to midnight in the Hall of Commons. The girls will arrive by bus at 1 p.m., and then will attend the football game and eat dinner in Commons. Freshmen may also have parties in their rooms.

Closed Parties

Alpha Delt — All weekend
Chi Psi — Sat., 5 p.m.—10:30 p.m.
DKE — Sat., 5 p.m.—Sun., 3 p.m.
D Phi — Sat., 5 p.m.—Sun., 10 a.m.
DU — Fri. nite to stags
Sat., 5 p.m.—8 p.m.
ELS — all weekend
Gryphon — Sat., 5:30 p.m.—9 p.m.
Psi U — none
Sig — Sat., 5 p.m.—8 p.m.
Sat., after 10 p.m. to stags
TKE — Fri., 5 p.m.—7 p.m.
Sat., 5 p.m.—7 p.m.
Theta Delt — none

Hill Mail Center Expands Facilities For Student Use

The postage window in the Mail Center will now be open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each weekday, according to Mrs. Ethel Cameron, manager of the campus post office.

Students may now buy stamps and mail packages at their convenience throughout the day. Other new facilities intended for student use are an automatic stamp machine and bulletin boards in the Center and in the hall outside. Anyone who wishes to post notices should use only the space provided on the bulletin boards.

Three mail deliveries are now made daily, at 8 a.m., 3 p.m., and 5 p.m. To speed distribution of incoming mail, Mrs. Cameron has recommended that all letters be addressed to the student's box number in the mail center, not to his dormitory address, and that letters show the student's full first name. Initials or nicknames on incoming letters only slow down sorting, according to Mrs. Cameron.

She added that the door to the post office is now open until midnight and that fraternities now have their own mail boxes.

Mrs. Cameron also said that 12 students are now working part-time to sort the mail. More workers are still needed, however, during vacation periods and during the early morning and late afternoon.

Freshmen Select Final Candidates For Presidency

Richard Fetter and William Jeffrey will compete in the run-off election for president of the freshman class to be held in Mr. Wertimer's office next Tuesday from 10:30 to 12:30 a.m. and from 1 to 5 p.m.

Fetter and Jeffrey won the general election last Tuesday. The other candidates were Walt Blake, Doug Frechtling, Tom Pasco, Jim Pickett, Steve Rice, and Paul Serrel. Each candidate spoke briefly in the Chapel on Monday night.

Lyon Fisher, chairman of the Elections Committee, noted that only 60 percent of the freshmen voted last Tuesday and that a larger turn-out might have made a difference in the outcome.

Under the Constitution of the Student Senate, the candidate receiving the second largest number of votes in the final balloting will be vice-president of the class.

New York Rabbi To Speak Sunday

Dr. Bernard J. Bamberger, the rabbi of Congregation Shaary Tefila in New York City, will speak in Chapel, Sunday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m.

Bamberger, who has spoken here several times in recent years, will give a sermon entitled *Not Helpless.*

A reception at the Root Art Center will follow the services in the Chapel.

IRC To Feature Iranian Delegate As Next Speaker

Dr. Nasrollah Saifrour Fatemi, former Iranian delegate to the United Nations, will speak to the International Relations Club on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 8 p.m. in the ballroom of the Root Art Center.

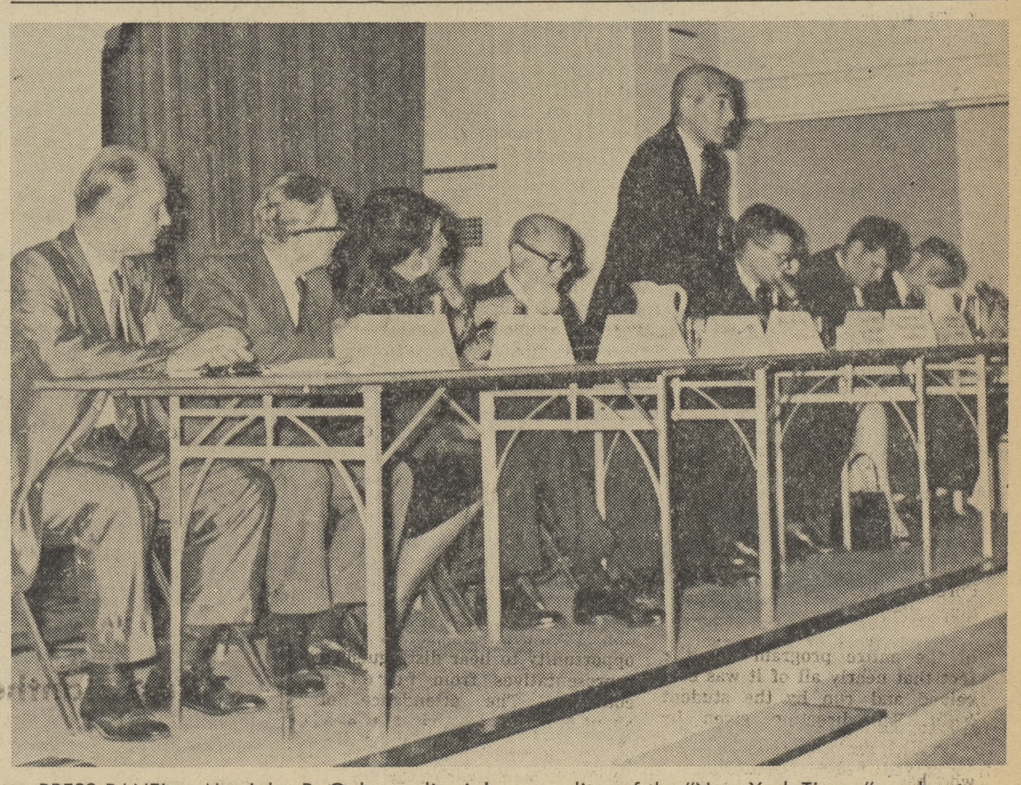
According to Doug Wheeler, president of the club, Fatemi will speak on *Problems and Prospects in the Middle East* and on *The Rise and Course of Middle East Nationalism.* He will discuss the problem of the national movements among the Arab states as such movements relate to Israel. Mr. David Ben-Dov last week presented the Israeli views on the problems of the Middle East.

Fatemi has written *Oil Diplomacy* and *A Diplomatic History of Persia.* He is well acquainted with the background of the national problems of his area, and recently returned from studying in Asia and the Middle East.

Fatemi has been a delegate to the United Nations, mayor of Shiraz, a member of the Iranian parliament, and a lecturer at Princeton University and the Asia Institute on Islamics and Iranian Civilization. He is currently teaching at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

According to Wheeler, Fatemi's appearance at Hamilton results from cooperation between International Relations Club and the lecture committee of the faculty. Wheeler pointed out that the faculty may meet Fatemi at a function to be arranged by the committee.

Fatemi will be present at a reception following his lecture. He will also attend classes next Thursday in order to become better acquainted with the student body.



PRESS PANEL — Mr. John B. Oakes, editorial page editor of the "New York Times," moderates a symposium in the Chapel during the recent foreign press conference. The panel discussed the topic, "The Student: Observer or Participant in a Revolutionary World."

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QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

"Whosoever lieth with a beast shall surely be put to death."—Exodus 22:19.

Defend Existence –

In an editorial last May the *Spectator* accused last year's DT of making poor choices in tapping new members. We noted our surprise at the almost perfect pairing-off by fraternity affiliation of the old and new DT's, but found that we could accuse DT not of any plot to obtain membership for fraternity brothers but only of incompetence.

DT, we believe, will never be competent to select new members. For throughout its history it has found that selecting the thirteen outstanding members of a class on the basis of their accomplishments in their freshman year has been quite difficult. The recent adoption of deferred rushing has added a new difficulty, for the members of DT have found not only that they cannot judge the quailfications of the candidates before them but also that they do not even know many of them. Where can they obtain information about them? Last year, to quote from our editorial, "once a freshman had been proposed, upperclassmen from his house were asked to state his qualifications, and, if they felt he was well qualified, the group approved his membership." The *Spectator* does not believe that one fraternity brother is the most unbiased judge of another's character. And no other judge is available.

Our point is that, because of the impossibility of singling out the thirteen outstanding men in each class, DT cannot justify its existence as an honorary society. Nor can it justify itself as a functional group, since it performs no useful service for the College.

DT's primary purpose is to unify the freshman class by indoctrinating it with certain College traditions. In attempting this, the DT's have failed completely and have only produced brawls and what Associate Dean Wertimer called "useless retaliatory tonsorial embarassment." DT is supposed to require freshmen to wear beanies, but a look at the large number of beanies still remaining on the shelf of the College Store will show its failure here.

In addition, according to one of last year's members, DT is supposed to help arrange freshman mixers and help Was Los with the blood drive. Last year's group failed to do the latter, while this year's group has not done the former. Moreover, in neither of these activities is DT's help needed; rather these duties have been assigned in order to give DT something to do. DT's only other function is ushering, something which it does do but which could be done equally well by Was Los and Pentagon or by the Student Senate.

The *Spectator* has conculded that DT serves no purpose as either an honorary or a functional body and that it therefore ought to be abolished. We do not, however, urge immediate action, for we feel that DT should have an opportunity to defend itself. This we request it to do.

Letters to the Editor –

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Faculty Sesquicentennial Committee I would like to express my warm admiration for the way in which the Hamilton students who arranged and participated in the Foreign Press weekend handled the whole affair.

From remarks made by our overseas guests, and from the letters which have already come in from them, it is obvious that the Hamilton College student made a very profound and important impression on the Foreign Press Corps.

I think that Mr. Stricker, of the U. S. Information Agency summed it all up when he wrote, "Please tell the students who arranged this program that they made a very definite contribution to the work of this Agency. It was a most useful experiment, and I have rarely seen the Foreign Press people so enthusiastic."

To me, the outstanding feature of the entire program was the fact that nearly all of it was conceived and run by the student body. The direction given by various student organizers was excellent; the student chairmen who handled the afternoon panels displayed poise, knowledge, and authority — which naturally pleases a member of the Public Speaking Department.

Last but by no means least, you and your staff, as the official hosts for this occasion, demonstrated the kind of competence, both as journalists and hosts, that couldn't fail to impress our student and foreign guests.

Our thanks to everyone concerned with making the weekend such a success.

Charles L. Todd

To the Editor:

This past weekend Hamilton College had as guests on its campus 32 foreign correspondents and 44 delegates from college publications. Their main topic for discussion was *The Student: Observer or Participant in a Revolutionary World.* I think that Hamilton College's students clearly reflected their opinion at the panel discussion held in the Chapel on Saturday night.

Hamilton students, and possibly students as a whole, are neither observers nor participants; they don't even avail themselves of the opportunity to hear distinguished representatives from foreign countries. The attendance of about 50 students shows that apathy indeed runs rampant on the Hamilton campus. All the fine words on student political activity were overshadowed by the reflection of the average Hamilton student's true opinion.

John A. Stewart

CONCERT — Mr. Alfred Prettyman, '56, sings at a recent concert in the Root Art Center. Jonathan Brice accompanies him on the piano.

Review Lauds Singer's Performance, Criticizes Small Student Turnout

—*by* Al Rodewald

Mr. Alfred Prettyman, '56, gave a song recital last Monday night in the Root Art Center that was uniformly good and after intermission truly excellent. Unfortunately, although the audience was large, only about fifteen of its members were students, at a concert which was arranged primarily for the student body.

The program opened with *Air des Deux* by the 17th century opera composer Andre Gretry. Prettyman sang it wittily enough, but his efforts were largely obscured by a fussy and overly loud piano accompaniment. The loudness was evidently a fault of the piano and the room, since the balance was terribly piano heavy throughout the first half of the recital.

In Bach's aria *Doch weichet ihr tohen vergeblichen sorgen* and in four songs from Schubert's *Die Winterreise*, Prettyman seemed tense, and many of his high pianissimos were choked. Again, very little of what he sang could be heard over the piano. A Handel aria, *O Ruddier than the Cherry*, was the most effective selection of the first half. Prettyman sang even the most florid runs with an easy extroverted bounce which was perfect for Handel.

After intermission I sat on the stairs outside the ballroom and from there the sound was a revelation. For it became immediately clear that pianist, Jonathan Brice, was not just pounding away, but contributing beautifully integrated, subtle, sonorous accompaniments. And Prettyman seemed more relaxed now in less formal songs by Resphigi, Duparc and Copland.

Three songs of Vaughn Williams' *From Pilgrim's Progress*, which opened the second half, were properly bardic, but in spots still tense. But Resphigi's *Mattinata* and *Invito alla danza*, Duparc's *Extase* and *Le Manoir de Rosemonde* were captivating. Both Prettyman and Brice were completely at ease and attuned to the music, and their collaboration in these songs was tremendously effective.

The program closed with a group of songs by Hart, Briten, Copland, and Alberti. Prettyman delivered Hart's *Grass* (which is the grass over the bodies at Austerlitz) with a fine sense of strength. He was equally impressive in Copland's *The Boatman*, which the College Choir sang a few years ago, and in Alberti's *Caliban in the Coal Mines*.

As encores, Prettyman sang *So Perverse* by Frank Bridge, and Britten's arrangement of *The Ash Grove*. He sang them as encores should be sung — freely, brightly, and to a very appreciative audience.

Following the concert, a reception was held.

Text of Rushing Report

(Printed below is the text of the Rushing Committee's Report of a recent investigation. A news article about the case appeared in last week's Spectator.—*Ed.)*

A difficult case of off hill contact involving five freshmen, eight members of one fraternity, one independent student, and one Syracuse student has been brought to the attention of the Rushing Committee.

Facts

1. On Friday night, October 6, several members of one fraternity and one independent student planned a trip to Bennington College in Vermont.

2. One member of the fraternity, a dormitory advisor, invited a former friend (A) whom he had known for one year. This freshman (A) then invited his roommate, freshman (B).

3. Two weeks prior to the case, two freshmen living on the hall of the advisor mentioned above asked the advisor for rides to Wells College. Since the advisor did not have rides for them, the two freshmen asked the advisor to save places for them if he was planning to go to any girls' schools in the future. Having learned that the advisor was planning a trip to Bennington on Saturday, October 7, freshmen (C) and (D) made arrangements to go with him.

4. A fifth freshman, (E), who had previously attended Hamilton, was invited by one of his former classmates.

5. Freshman (E) drove in a car containing the person who had invited him and three other upperclassmen, all of whom he had known previously.

6. Freshmen (A), (B), and (C) drove in a car containing the advisor and the student from Syracuse.

7. Freshman (D) drove in a car with four upperclassmen, some of whom he had not known previously.

8. The three cars all proceeded to Bennington College where they all were with girls for some part of the evening.

9. After leaving Bennington, freshmen (A) and (B) returned to Hamilton with one upperclassman and the Syracuse student.

10. The remaining students went to Williams, spent the night at an affiliated fraternity, and returned to Hamilton the following day.

Decision

Apparently, no violation of the Rushing Rules occurred.

Problems Facing the Committee

1. Did this action show a deliberate violation of the spirit of the Rushing Regulations?

2. Was this action potentially detrimental to the Rushing System?

3. Was the action in itself detrimental to the Rushing System?

4. Is the Rushing Committee obligated to investigate such actions?

The Committee's Findings

1. The Committee considers off Hill contact between freshmen and upperclassmen whom they had not known before as a form of rushing, *although* this does not mean that off-Hill contact between previously acquainted freshmen and upperclassmen can not be interpreted as rushing Since the freshmen and upperclassmen involved were arranged in such a way that only one freshman was in a car with upperclassmen whom he had not known before, it would appear that no attempt at such rushing was made.

And, when they arrived at Bennington, their apparent intent was to have dates and not to rush.

2. Since the apparent intent and result was dating, the Committee feels that the danger of spiraling is negligible.

3. The action in itself was not detrimental to the Rushing System.

4. The Rushing Committee is obligated to investigate all such cases.

Gary Ferraro
Chairman, Rushing Committee

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HERE AND THERE

by Bruce Moulton

A cousin of mine once told me about a friend of his who, late one night before finals, pitched his typewriter through his window onto the concrete pavement five floors below and then banged on doors for several hours until "they" came. This behavior seemed abnomal to me at one time, but attitudes change. Hamilton's twelve inch moon has been replaced by a seasonal drizzle, it's late—but I live on the first floor.

So back to the drivel . . .

The pleas of Elmira's social chairman — "I don't want apathy from the girls! I can't guarantee anything as a result of these social events, but please, girls, be cooperative . . . A mixer is only what you make it; I can't do it alone."

From the *Colgate Maroon* — "In the fall of 1946, while Colgate was suffering from a severe meat shortage, Skidmore College fielded its first football team. Forty-six male students attending Skidmore under a veterans program organized a football team.

"Their first game was with Brown Prep and Skidmore's debut on the gridiron was accompanied by a 1000-girl cheering section, all female cheerleaders, and three girls who carried water and towels onto the field during time-outs. Unfortunately, football left Skidmore with the departure of the male students, and Colgate lost a potential rival." (And meat?).

In one of its ads, Ford Motor Company makes the Fordian observation that, "many a knight was spent in rust armor." Remember that if you intend to use your car this weekend.

From the *Kenyon Collegian* — "At the opening assembly of Kenyon College's 137th smash year, we were impressed with the earnest tone of Dean Edwards' address. Partcularly noticeable, we thought, was the gravity, almost awe, with which he spoke of the self-study program now being undertaken by the college. Although it is doubtful whether his impressions had much impact on a restless captive audience of six hundred hungry students, we could not ignore the tone of import and reverence in his references to the self study."

Self-study refers to a general navel contemplation in progress at Kenyon to "improve the academic excellence of the college."

Here are two paragraphs from a report on one of the study sessions:

"Pointing to the problems of keeping teachers happy, Professor Charles Thornton, head of the Faculty Committee, referred to the 'huge Shadow gradually encroaching' on the faculties of small colleges, namely the larger universities.

"Unfortunately, the 'huge shadow' encroached somewhat further this summer with Professor Thornton's own resignation, after 25 years here, to become head of the Department of Zoology at Michigan State. A sad sense of irony pervaded the room as Thornton spoke."

Although a college's 137th year probably would not be considered monumental, Kenyon is planning to sponsor a symposium on *Communication between the Arts and Sciences* to be attended by Sir C. P. Snow, Alan T. Waterman, director of the National Science Foundation, and Edward Teller. Representing the humanities will be Brand Blanshard, chairman of Yale's department of philosophy until his retirement last June, and James S. Ackerman, professor of fine arts at Harvard. Besides their academic function, Perhaps such conferences attract alumni contributions. We might try something similar in "off years."

Kenyon also hosts the brightest freshman class yet. A reporter in an article headlined — Intellectual Fuzzies Lured by Fraternities — observed that "freshman intellect doesn't seem to have the rushing chairmen worried, though some lament that the old days of hell-raising may be gone. One astute senior countered this, however, declaring that 'even intellectuals like to raise Hell.' The only difference, he said, is that their hell-raising will probably be less primitive.

In defiance of the no door decoration rule, a freshman bravely taped this one by three inch note to his door. "If you're close enough to read this, you're probably a spy for the administration. —Good Luck."

"I'll bet you can't guess who I am," cooed a new trustee cocktail partywise. "Oh, I can too," said the wife of a Buttocks administrator. "You're Henry Luce Booth."

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SOCCER PRACTICE — Dewey Strohmeyer, a freshman member of the team, prepares to kick during Wednesday's soccer practice. The team played Clarkson today at 3:30 p.m.

Continentals To Seek Third Victory Tomorrow Against St. Lawrence

Hamilton's football team will seek its third straight victory when it meets St. Lawrence here at 2 p.m. tomorrow. Hamilton has a 2-1 record, and St. Lawrence is 3-1-1. After losing their season's opener to Rochester, the Continentals defeated RPI and Hobart. The Larries have defeated Norwich, RPI and Rochester, lost to Alfred, and tied Trinity.

Tag Adams, a tackle, returned to the Continentals' lineup this week after having sustained a rib injury in pre-season practice. Freshman Hugh Carson, Jack Messersmith, John Pierson, and Don Weir have also played tackle this season.

John Soffey leads Hamilton in rushing with 137 yards in 36 carries, followed by freshman Rod Parker with 134 yards in 28 carries. The Continental offense has averaged 227 yards per game while the defense has held the opponents to 169 yards.

Pierson, whom Coach Don Jones considers Hamilton's top utility lineman, will be ready for any emergencies tomorrow. Pierson, Hamilton's top punter, can play both guard and both tackle positions and can also play offensive and defensive ends in extreme emergencies.

With Adams returned to the Continental line, Jones said that he will try to give seniors Gary Mahood and Messersmith more rest. Mahood, a guard, and Messersmith, a tackle, have averaged nearly 60 minutes of action in Hamilton's first three games of the season.

St. Lawrence is led by Dave White and guard John Costaregni. Wally Brown, a halfback, was named sophomore of the week by the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Association after last year's game between Hamilton and St. Lawrence.

St. Lawrence will be seeking its fourth win of the season after shutting out RPI, Rochester, and Norwich and after losing to Alfred 16-8 and tying Trinity 14-14.

The Larries have 20 returning lettermen on this year's squad.

The probable starting lineup for Hamilton will be Dick Hodder at quarterback, Rob Parker at left halfback, Tim Gow at right halfback, and Harvey Singer at fullback. On the front line Steve Plant will probably start at left end, Jack Messersmith at left tackle, Chuck Sawyer at left guard, Frank Hamilton at center, Gary Mahood at right guard, Hugh Carson at right tackle, and Norm Boggs at right end.

Dick Metcalf will probably start at quarterback for St. Lawrence with Wally Brown at left halfback, Dave White at right halfback, and captain Charlie Luxster at fullback. St. Lawrence's starting line will probably have Bob Qua at left end, Mike Delduchetto at left tackle, John Costaregni at left guard, Nork Morris at center, Henry Ritz at right tackle, Frank Taylor at right guard, and Mike Loconti at right end.

Tomorrow's game will be the twenty-sixth in a series that began in 1896. Last year's game ended in a 22-22 tie.

Renovation Work On Middle Dorm Nears Completion

—*by* Bill Berg

Mr. Willis V. Daugherty, Business Manager of the College, has announced that Middle Dormitory should be completed by April, 1962. It will be ready for occupancy by the fall semester of next year.

Middle Dorm, Daugherty added, has been a mere shell since November, 1960, when the floors were removed to facilitate changes in its foundations. The new floors, he added, have now been completed.

He then noted that the building should be sufficiently completed within the next two weeks so that the roof could be closed in to allow workmen to continue the renovation throughout the winter. The steelwork for the fourth floor and the windows for the entire building should be installed shortly, he said.

New Faculty Offices

Mr. Jack Letzelter, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, added that the renovated building will contain faculty offices and classrooms, as well as both single and double rooms for students. He noted that the depth of the basement had been increased by six feet in order to allow sufficient room for the 13 faculty offices which it will contain.

Letzelter explained that the first floor will house a lounge and a small kitchenette, plus student living quarters. He noted that the students' rooms, which will be on the first, second, and third floors, will have acoustical plaster on the walls, but that the corridors will be painted cement block, as in Dunham Dormitory.

The top floor, Letzelter added, will contain a large classroom, which can be used for lectures and can also be divided by a sliding partition into two smaller classrooms. This upper floor, he hoped, might be completed and ready for use by February.

Famed Architect

The architect for this project, Daugherty said, is Edward Stone, who designed the United States Embassy in New Delhi and the American building at the Brussels World Fair. According to Stone's specifications, he added, the two large dormers presently on Middle Dorm will be removed and replaced by several smaller dormers which will coincide with the windows on the rest of the building.

Letzelter said that the stone which was taken from the walls surrounding the old maintenance sheds will be used to rebuild worn spots on the building's exterior.

Four Teams Meet In Final Games Of Intramurals

The first round of the intramural football playoffs will be played next week with Chi Psi playing Psi U and with Alpha Delt playing DKE. These two games were scheduled for yesterday but were postponed because of rain.

Chi Psi and DKE fiished first and second in the Blue League, while Alpha Delt and Psi U finished first and second in the Buff league.

Wednesday, DKE and Theta Delt played off for second place in the blue league and the right to play Alpha Delt in Thursday's game. In the fist half, DKE scored when Frank Sachs intercepted a Theta Delt pass and ran for a touchdown. Theta Delt almost scored when John Sullivan ran back a kickoff, but the play was disqualified because of a penalty. DKE was ahead 7-0 at the end of the first half.

Shortly after the start of the second half, quarterback Sachs ran for DKE's second touchdown and made the score 13-0. Theta Delt took possession but lost the ball after a few plays, when Joe McDonald intercepted a pass. Two plays leter, Sachs passed to Dick Gurin for DKE's final tuochdown. The game ended with the score at 20-0.

John Weaver, chairman of the Intramural Council, announced that volleyball playoffs will be held next week. Chi Psi, Psi U and Sig will participate. The fourth participant has yet to be determined because of unplayed games.

Golf Team Places In State Tourney At Bethpage Park

Four students representing Hamilton finished third in the championship golf tournament which was sponsored by the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference last Saturday. Navy and Syracuse tied for first place in the tournament, which was held on the Blue course of Bethpage State Park on Long Island.

Carl Hayden, Leon Kantor, Bill Tracy, and Jon Kinne represented Hamilton. They had qualified in a preliminary contest held here two weeks ago. They finished with a score of 327 for the tournament. Navy and Syracuse posted identical scores of 320.

Hayden, Kantor, and Tracy each had scores of 80, while Kinne finished with a score of 87. Don Jones, coach of Hamilton's golf team, attributed the high scores of both Hamilton and the other teams in the tournament to poor weather conditions.

Other teams which participated in the tournament were Army, MIT, Williams, Penn State, and Yale.

Hill Soccer Team Seeks Next Win Against Clarkson

Hamilton's soccer team met Clarkson in a game here at 3:30 p.m. this afternoon. The Continentals had a record of 1-3 before the game.

Clarkson, with a record this season of two wins and four losses, last week defeated a strong Hobart team by a score of 2-1. Both Hamilton and Clarkson have lost to the University of Rochester this year.

Coach Manfred von Schiller noted that because of injuries only four of the men who were on Hamilton's starting team at the beginning of the season are still able to play. Dave Spector, a wing, and Ken Gould, a goalie, were injured last week. Dave Volckmann and either Bob Moore or Joel Johnson will replace the injured men.

Hamilton's starting lineup for today's game was Frank Bergman, John D'Arcy, Carl Bianchi, Jerry Hamilton, Frank Cordelle, Jerry Hobart, Stan Poling, Joe Boggs, Dave Volckmann, and Bob Caton.

Last week, Hartwick defeated the Continentals by a score of 2-1. Hartwick scored on a penalty kick at 20:10 of the second period and also tallied at 15:25 of the third period. Bianchi scored Hamilton's only goal at 5:32 of the fourth quarter.

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Foreign Students Discuss Hamilton

—*by* Steve Wilkinson

Five of the foreign students at Hamilton this year answered questions about their homelands and their first impressions of America for the *Spectator* earlier this week. The five were Gianandrea Rocco of Italy, Peter Ross of Scotland, Frank Bergmann of Germany, David Hamazwanga of Northern Rhodesia, and Morefe Obele of Nigeria.

Rocco, who is attending Hamilton for one year on a Fulbright scholarship, is here primarily to improve his English. He is also taking courses in Economics, which he plans to study when he returns home. After his return, he will go to the University of Bologna for two years and then to the University of Milan.

Comparing the Italian system of education to the American, he finds that the college freshman in this country is far behind the first year student in an Italian University. By the time an Italian is graduated from high school, he is ready to start specializing, so he does not take as wide a range of courses as we do here.

Another difference Gianandrea pointed out was that Hamilton is much more informal than an Italian University, where all the students live at home or in rented rooms and only see the professors at lectures.

Before coming to Hamilton, Rocco was sent by the Experiment in International Living to spend a month with a family in Oneida, New York.

He said that since he came to this country he has lost many prejudices which he had held previously. He has also found that Americans are more friendly than Europeans, but added that "American girls are very cold compared with Latins."

Ross, who is the sixth student to come to Hamilton from the George Watson School in Scotland, is also here for only one year. He is interested in studying history and in getting a "view of the American way of life."

Since he will not receive any credit toward a University degree for the work he does here, this might be considered a wasted year, but, because of other advantages of a year in America, he considers the time well spent.

He finds Hamilton College a very friendly place with a good faculty, but he thinks that there is too much emphasis on learning by rote. He says that students of the calibre of those at Hamilton should be required to use their knowledge to write essays presenting their own ideas and requiring some creative thinking.

Bergmann, who, like Gianandrea, is here on a one year Fulbright scholarship, has already finished one semester at the University of Tuebingen, where he is studying French, history, and philosophy. He plans to teach after getting his Ph.D., but added that it usually takes ten or twelve years to become an instructor in a University.

His primary purpose in coming to Hamilton this year is to get acquainted with America. Although it is still too soon to be sure of his conclusions, he is quite impressed by the national conscience and lack of prejudice against outsiders. He also thinks that Americans face their problems more calmly and practically than most Europeans and that they are more mature in the way they run their government.

He said that New York City did not seem as big or as glamorous as he had expected, but that he was unprepared for the diversity of the American people. They are not all harried businessmen, as he had anticipated. About the College he said "I don't like Hamilton, I love it!"

The last two students, Hamazwanga and Obele, are at Hamilton on grants from the African Scholarship Program of American Universities. This group, which was organized last year, selects and sends African students to a small group of American colleges.

Hamazwanga, who was graduated last year from high school, expects to major in history or government. After four years in America, he plans to return to Northern Rhodesia and teach in grammar school.

Since he has been taught in English from the first grade on, he is having no language trouble, but he finds the system very different from what he knows at home and would prefer to start specializing earlier than Hamilton will allow.

Aside from the isolation of the College, he has found little to complain of and likes the courses he is taking very much.

Obele, who has already spent two years in college in Nigeria, is enrolled at Hamilton as a freshman this year. He had hoped to major in geography but now finds he may have to switch to one of the other social sciences. He is not sure, however, that he will stay at the College all four years.

Before coming to Clinton, Obele stayed with a family in Waverly, New York. He was very impressed by the kindness and understanding of his American hosts and said that "if all American families were like this one we would have much to be proud of."

Obele concluded that he is very impressed with Hamilton College.

Hill Harriers Seek Second Win In Triangle Meet

Hamilton's cross country team will oppose RPI and Hartwick here in a triangular meet tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. The Continentals will seek their second victory of the season.

Both RPI and Hartwick have outstanding individual runners but do not have depth, according to Gene Long, Hamilton's coach. Tom Schellin and Bill Gazda have led RPI in previous contests. Hartwick, which is sponsoring its first cross-country team since 1953, is led by Dick Juve.

The first five runners for Hamilton will be Phil Hineline, Hal von Brockdorff, Al Cardona, Greg Harms, and Bill Morgan. Long will fill the sixth and seventh spots with John Nichols, Mike King, Dave Barber, and Scott Mac Donough.

The Continentals' only victory of the season has been against Harpur, which Hamilton defeated last Saturday by a score of 15-50, as it won the first nine places in the race. Hineline led the field, while von Brockdorff was second, Cardona third, Harms fourth, Morgan fifth, King sixth, Nichols seventh, Barber eighth, and Mac Donough ninth.

Clinton's Comets Beat New Haven

The Clinton Comets will play the Knoxville Knights, the newest team in the Eastern Hockey League, at the Clinton Arena on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 8 p.m.

The Comets began their eighth season in the EHL last Saturday night by tying the Long Island Ducks, 2-2. They defeated New Haven on Sunday, 9-6.

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The Hot Corner

by Perry Wheaton

Each year, we on the Hill find it necessary to flaunt the overwhelming superiority of our football team. Despite our rather unimpressive 2-1 record, we can easily prove by comparative scores that we are 28 points better than top-rated Michigan State and 38 points better than Notre Dame.

But the Continental football team is much more concerned with tomorrow's game with the highly-regarded St. Lawrence Larries who will come to the Hill with a 3-1-1 record and whose only loss was to Alfred two weeks ago by a 16-8 margin. St. Lawrence's backfield coach Bob Sheldon, who was scouting both Hamilton and Hobart in a game played on the same day, remarked that outside of their 14-14 tie with Trinity, a team which is still unbeaten, the Larries should go undefeated this year. No doubt, Sheldon and the entire St. Lawrence coaching staff were slightly disillusioned by Alfred's victory. Their confidence, however, is not entirely unjustified, since their team has gained shutout victories over Rochester, RPI, and Norwich.

According to comparative scores, Hamilton should enter the game tomorrow as an 11-point favorite. Since Hamilton beat Hobart, 12-6, and Alfred defeated the Statesmen, 16-13, the Continentals are three points better than Alfred. Alfred's 16-8 victory over St. Lawrence therefore makes Hamilton 11 points better than St. Lawrence. But against two common opponents, RPI and Rochester, St. Lawrence has performed better than has Hamilton. The Larries defeated RPI, 26-0, while Hamilton defeated the Engineers, 22-10. St. Lawrence blanked Rochester, 7-0, but the Yellow Jackets defeated Hamilton 24-14.

St. Lawrence has 20 returning lettermen including halfback Wally Brown. In last year's encounter between these two teams, Brown returned an intercepted pass 100-yards for a touchdown and was named sophomore of the week by the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference for his outstanding performance. Brown's 100-yard return of the intercepted pass was the longest recorded in college football last year.

Next Saturday, the Continentals will travel to Middletown, Conn., to play Weslayan. The game will mark the first time in several years that Hamilton has played football against a member of "Little Three." Hamilton regularly plays Williams and Amherst in hockey, a sport in which small college teams are relatively few.

Although Little Three football is generally considered of high quality, Hamilton receives a break this year because it will be playing a team which has yet to win a game in four starts. According to comparative scores, Hamilton should beat Wesleyan by 64 points. Because of its 11-point edge over St. Lawrence, Hamilton is also 11 points better than Trinity. (Remember St. Lawrence tied Trinity, 14-14.) Since Trinity beat Tufts, 14-6, Tufts blanked Bowdoin, 18-0, and Bowdoin defeated Wesleyan, 27-0, Hamilton becomes 64 points better than Wesleyan. Of course, if Hamilton deosn't beat St. Lawrence by 11 points tomorrow, this logic becomes meaningless.

When Hamilton entertains Wagner on Nov. 11, the Seahawks should be prepared to lose the game by 46 points. Assuming that Hamilton will defeat Wesleyan by 64 points and knowing that Worcester Polytechnic Institute edged Wesleyan, 21-20, we can see that Hamilton is then 63 points better than the Worcester team which lost to Central Connecticut, 24-18. Being 57 points better than Central Connecticut, Hamilton is 43 points better than Kings Point which beat the Connecticut team, 20-6. The Mariners from Kings Point edged Wagner, 19-16, so Hamilton is 46 points better than Wagner.

Unfortunately, no game has ever been won on paper.

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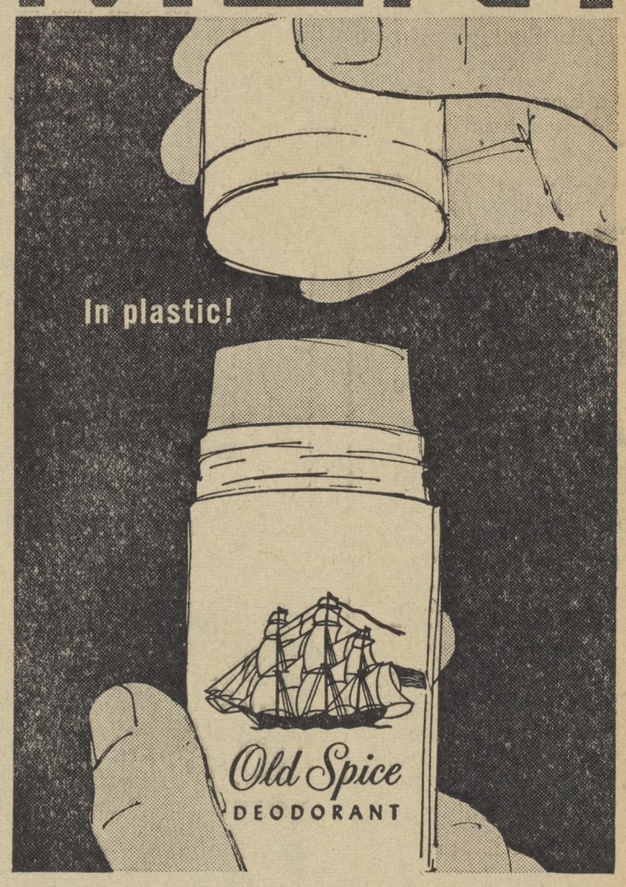

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Student Analysis

—*by* Ty Brown

If one were to choose arbitrarily any historical moment as his starting point to offer "further development" as his definition for "progress," he could come to no conclusion but that the natural scientists have advanced further than their political counterparts. For proof of this statement, he need do nothing more than consider the precarious situation in which the world now finds itself. The natural scientists have blessed, or cursed, mankind with a new source of energy, and the world's political leaders are left with the problem of deciding whether this source of energy will be used to improve or to destroy the world.

It is inconsequential that the definition of progress offered above may be inadequate, for both scientific and political development are in fact called progress. Likewise the criticism that any scientific development which presents as one of its possible consequences the moral destruction of mankind cannot be called progress is also of little importance, since the scientist seeks to discover as much as possible about the physical world and, as a scientist, does not concern himself with the effects which his discoveries may have on the human community.

The point here under discussion is that the political leaders of the world cannot conciliate the dangerous gap between the development of their science and the progress of the natural sciences. Aa a result they cannot provide men with the security of knowing that civilization will not some day go up in a puff of smoke. Why?

Political science lags behind the natural sciences because, unlike them, it cannot divorce itself from the human element. In fact the purpose of studying political science is to ascertain which dominant interests among men cause them and nations to act as they do and then to determine how those interests, when in conflict, can be reconciled to the best interest of the human community. The subtleties of such a study are all but incomprehensible.

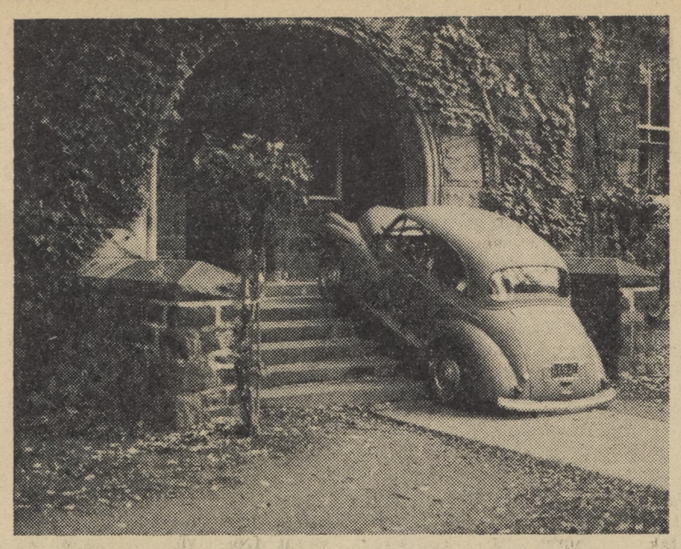
Since the art of politics is not developed to the level which the complicated world situation demands, any particular group of political leaders is hard-pressed to bring into harmony the conflicting interests of the nations. These leaders are further hindered in their work by the fact that they are prisoners of their constituents; they are forced to stand before the bar of public opinion, which invariably is unaware of the ever-changing political situation. Even when they would act selflessly toward what they consider to be in the best interests of the world, they must subordinate themselves to their nation's vital interests. And when a conflict arises between expediency and practicality on the one side and moral values and ideology on the other, the political leader, from fear of alienation, must defend both the less practical and the more moral.

The masses, for their part, vacilate between the two poles of indifference and of frantic, unenlightened concern. More often than not, they are apathetic when they should demonstrate some concern and belligerently concerned when the world situation calls for cool heads. This point is borne out, for example, when one reflects on Woodrow Wilson's frustrated attempts to establish a viable political situation after the First World War.

In these times of rapidly changing conditions, world politicians then are faced with the impossible task of molding suitable public opinions at home. Perhaps this is why, sixteen years after the termination of World War II and twenty-one years after the United States grudgingly accepted a prominent position in the political world, President Kennedy must implore the people to accept a mature and flexible foreign policy.

So the world's political leaders are harassed on two fronts. Their equipage of political knowledge is inadequate for their task, and the people they represent control them and stifle them toward inaction.

The consequences of this dilemma become more evident every day. Russia's frustrated, inadequate policy experts advise their policy makers to threaten the West with fifty megaton bombs; the West reciprocates with threats of the same; the insecure, frustrated masses seek relief in psychiatry, sleeping pills, and primitive dances.



ELFREIDA, WHERE ARE YOU? — Associate Dean Sidney Wertimer never knows what he'll find when he leaves home to drive around the campus. Maybe he ought to stay there this weekend. As he says, "If you drink, don't park. Accidents cause people."

Members of Hill Outing Club Climb Tupper Lake Mountain

—*by* Bill Berg

Last Sunday 19 members of the Hamilton College Outing Club and 20 girls from Wells travelled to the Southern Adirondacks to climb Tupper Lake Mountain. This trip, according to Pete Jenks, president of the club, was one of the club's many activities this fall. The increased actcivities is due mainly to the Outing Club's increased membership, which has risen to over 60 this year.

Jenks noted that a school's outing club can be one of its most effective organizations, since it has more diverse goals and fewer restrictions than other clubs. He explained that the activities of an outing club depend entirely on the members' wishes and that these clubs, therefore, draw huge participation in many colleges. Dartmouth's outing club, which sponsors boating, skiing, hiking and cave exploring, has over 1300 members, Jenks noted.

Both Dartmouth and Hamilton are members of the Intercollegiate Outing Club Association, an organization with a membership of over 60 colleges. This association, Jenks said, sponsors many inter-collegiate events, including a College Week in the Appalachians during the fall, a fall trip to Lake George, a cave exploring trip, and a spring conference to determine the association's plans for the following year.

Hamilton, along with Wells, Cortland, Syracuse, Cornell, and Colgate, belongs to the Finger Lakes Region of the association. Jenks, who is executive secretary for the region, noted that a col lege, when planning an outing, usually invites another school from its region.

The club's immediate plans include a regional meeting at Syr acuse on Nov. 4 and a regional cave trip on Nov. 18. There are also many non-regional events which club members may attend, Jenks noted, including square dances at Smith, Vassar, and Mount Holyoke, and Thanskgiving trips to West Virginia and Maine.

Winter plans, Jenks added, include meets for the ski team, which is now part of the Outing Club, and skiing lessons for members who want to learn.

Root Art Center

Calendar for the Week

Friday, Oct. 27 — 8 p.m. — Lecture by Norris Houghton, Pheonix Theater, New York, "The European Theater 1960-1961"

Saturday, Oct. 28 — Special Hours for Fall Houseparty.

Sunday, Ict. 29 — 8:30 p.m. — Informal discussion group with Chapel speaker, Rabbi Bernard Bamberger

Thursday, Nov. 2 — 8 p.m. — Meeting of International Relations Club

Friday, Nov. 3 — 8 p.m. — Lecture on the Eilshemius exhibit by Easton Pribble, School of Art, Munson- Williams-Proctor Institute

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SIGMA XI LECTURE—

Geologist Explains Mysteries

—*by* Bill Berg

Dr. David Hawley, chairman of the department of geology, delivered the first Sigma Xi lecture of the year on Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the Chemistry auditorium. He stated that the title of the lecture, *Turbidity Currents*, should perhaps be changed to *The Story of Geological Mysteries.*

He explained that his lecture would deal with three particular geological mysteries: the submarine canyon mystery, the case of the displaced foraminiferal fauna, and who stirred the sand in Father Neptune's soup.

Hawley said that the mysteries arose from inconsistancies in geological theories of sedimentation transportation and formation.

Transportation, Hawley noted, may be accomplished by one of two methods—traction or suspension. Traction, he explained, referred to transportation through water of coarse material by being "dragged, rolled, or bounced along the bottom of the body of water."

Suspension, he added, usually applies to fine material's being bouyed up or suspended by upmoving eddies in the water and being carried along in the water itself.

Organic Ooze

Hawley explained that as a current of water slows down, it deposits the coarser material first and sifts out the finer particles gradually, with the smallest settling last. He illustrated this point by showing the gradual change in particle size at a seashore; the larger pebbles on the beach gradually become minute particles as one goes farther and farther from the shore. Several hundred miles from the shore, he added, the ocean bottom is covered by the finest of sedimentary material—organic ooze. He explained that this ooze is comprised of microscopic skeletons, which have been secreted by micro-organisms — foraminifera, in particular.

According to these theories of the transporting and depositing of sediment, Hawley noted, one would expect that all sediments would exist in groups of organized grain size and that the finer grains would be in the deeper water.

Generally, he said, the theory works very well, but there are exceptions—some fine grain formations are interspersed with larger grain sediment and many foraminiferal beds have coarser grain sediments mixed with them. These exceptions are geological mysteries, Hawley noted; geology must now find the culprit—the cause of the exceptions.

In 1929, with a series of submarine cable breaks, geologists got their first clue to the culprit, Hawley noted. Several cables, he explained, which ran parallel to each other, were broken at different periods of time, with the cables farther North being severed several hours before those farther South.

Tihs fact, he noted, led geologists to assume that a stream within the ocean, moving at 65 miles per hour and passing from North to South, had snapped the cables. These streams were found to be muddy currents, flowing under the surface of the ocean and picking up more mud and silt as they moved along.

Turbidity Currents

Hawley said that these streams which geologists now call turbidity currents, explain the interspersing of fine and course grains of sediment; they run into the deeper water, where they may deposit silt and coarse sediment among the foraminifera.

Turbidity currents, Hawley added, also explain the mystery of the formation of submarine canyons—as a current moves along, it cuts a furrow in the ocean's bottom in much the same way that a river carves out its bed.

Maintenance Shop Changes Location, Expands Facilities

—*by* Dave Ross

The College's maintenance department recently moved into its new shop on Miller Road, between College Hill and Griffin Roads, Mr. John J. Letzelter, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, told the *Spectator.*

The building, which was designed by Letzelter, will house all of the department's equipment in one place, something which has never before been possible. The new shop can be easily expanded and will last the College for at least ten years, Letzelter said.

Letzelter estimated the cost of the building, the dimensions of which are 120 feet by 70 feet, at 50,000 dollars. This is a cost of a little less than six dollars per square foot, and, he noted, "is the cheapest construction you can make." The building was built by the Murphy Structural Systems Company of Utica and by the department's own staff.

The new shop will house the receiving department and store room of the College, a drafting room, a painting room, a carpentry and masonry shop, a plumber's shop, an electronics shop, and the offices of Mr. Letzelter, his secretary, and of Richard Griffiths, the assistant superintendent. It will also provide room for the storage and maintenance of the College's tractors and trucks.

The night watchman, however, will still maintain his office in Dunham Dormitory, since it is more convenient to the campus than the new shop. A recording telephone has been installed in the watchman's office so that anyone wanting him can merely call up and leave a message.

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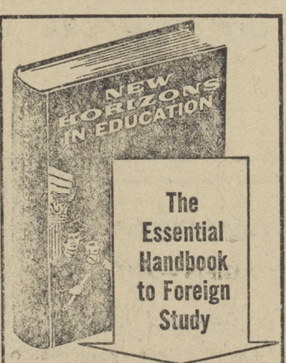

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